

### **REMARKS**

Claims 2-6 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claim 1 and 7-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. Based on the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and that this application passes to issue.

By this amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 4 in independent form and has amended claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 to depend from claim 4. These amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments should be entered as they do not raise any new issues that require further consideration by the Examiner.

As the Examiner has indicated that claim 4 includes allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits this application is in proper condition for allowance.

### **Conclusion**

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin, Registration No. 52327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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